

BANKRUPTCY RELIEF

Organization Formed in Chicago
to Protect Creditors.

COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION

The Association is to be Formed Principally to Settle Insolvent Estates and Prevent Lawyers from Stealing All the Surplus of Merchants.

Chicago, April 20.—Growing out of the opposition of the wholesale merchants of Chicago to the present bankruptcy law, the organization of a "Cooperative Adjustment Association" has received its first impetus at a meeting of the Credit Men's Association. A resolution was adopted directing President McAdow to appoint a committee to investigate the matter and report at a later meeting.

This adjustment association is to be formed principally for the purpose of settling insolvent estates. In the language of those who urged the plan the formation of such an organization will go far toward doing away with the "evils of bankruptcy proceedings, wherein nearly all the assets are swallowed up in the fees of attorneys, referees and trustees."

The plan advocated provides for the organization of a central bureau managed by salaried men, with two or three attorneys and office assistants. Alliance with other associations also is contemplated, making it national in scope.

BIDS OPENED.**Construction of Ordnance Houses at Forts Stevens and Columbia.**

Bids for the construction of an ordnance storehouse at Fort Stevens and for the construction of an ordnance storehouse, a fire apparatus building and a wagon shed at Fort Columbia were opened yesterday at the office of Captain George L. Goodale, constructing quartermaster, United States army. Four bids were received for constructing the ordnance storehouse at Fort Stevens as follows: Barrell Construction Co., Portland, \$6380; John B. Riplinger, Woodlawn, Ore., \$4039; E. Gustafson, Astoria, \$3650; Ferguson & Houston, Astoria, \$3280. Only three bids were received for the work at Fort Columbia. They were as follows: Barrell Construction Co., Portland, ordnance storehouse, \$7557; fire apparatus building, \$2280; wagon shed, \$3370; total, \$13,207. Ferguson & Houston, Astoria, ordnance storehouse, \$4173; fire apparatus building, \$1208; wagon shed, \$2282; total, \$7663. E. Gustafson, Astoria, ordnance storehouse, \$3920; fire apparatus building, \$1250; wagon shed, \$2,225; total, \$7445. Captain Goodale has forwarded the bids to the department in Washington with the recommendation that the contract for the work at Fort Stevens be awarded to Ferguson & Houston and the contract for the work at Fort Columbia be awarded to E. Gustafson, who were the lowest bidders, respectively.

SOCIAL SERVICE DINNER.**Some Kind of an Organization Held Meeting in New York.**

New York, April 20.—The spring meeting and annual dinner of the trustees of the American Institute of Social Service has been held in this city. Dr. Josiah Strong presided. Exhibits received from the French section of social economy at the St. Louis exposition presented to the American Institute by M. Mabilieu, director of the Musée social, Paris, were formally accepted.

There was also exhibited the institute's collection of photographs representing every phase of social and industrial betterment in this country, which will be sent this summer to the exposition at Liege, Belgium, in commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of Belgian independence. William H. Talman, who has been appointed director of the American section will go to Liege in June to superintend the exhibition.

New Organization.

A new organization composed principally of liquor and cigar dealers was organized in Astoria this week and starts out with nearly 50 charter members. Officers were elected as follows: Valiant commander, Joseph Gribler; lieutenant-commander, Al Seafeldt; orator, W. E. Schimpff; M. of C., Chas. Wise; recorder, J. V. Burns; C. of C., Charles Wesche; tyler, G. Schoenbacher; treasurer, Otto Carlson; trustees, P. S. Kenney, F. Cook, L. Staples, P. E. Peterson and Swan Wilson.

Advance Seat Sale.

The advance sale of seats opens this morning at 9 o'clock at Griffin's book store for L. R. Stockwell and his excellent company in Herbert Bashford's political comedy, "Hon. John North."

For the last 12 years Stockwell has been associated with the late Chas. Hoyt and during that time created such roles as Mink in "A Temperance Town," Slow Boy, in "A Midnight Bell," and Rock, in "A Contented Woman." "Hon. John North" is one of Herbert Bashford's best offerings and ran for three weeks at the California theater in San Francisco. Fishers should be crowded tomorrow night as this performance is one of the best ever seen in Astoria. Secure your seats this morning.

A Good Investment.

Clatsop county has secured possession of the tollroad between Seaside and Elk creek, and orders have been issued to repair the bridge and place the road in good condition for summer travel. This will be welcome news to a large number of people who spend their summers at the beach and who are usually prevented from visiting the famous Elk creek and Cannon beaches on account of the wretched condition of the old tollroad. A good road between Clatsop beach and Cannon beach would increase the summer travel to both of these resorts.—Oregonian.

NEW YORK MARKET

Considerable Excitement at Slump
in North Pacific Securities.

MARKET IS HONEYCOMBED

Decline Probably Due to Supreme
Court Decision Affecting Northern
Securities Company, With Professional Trade in Evidence.

New York, April 20.—A cloud of suspicion and distrust, which has been gathering over the stock market during the whole week broke today with some violence. The decline was contested in the early stages, but gathered force as it was extended. The quick exhaustion of the buying demand on occasional rallies was sufficient evidence of the professional traders speculative position which was still vulnerable. They returned to the attack accordingly, again and again and on each successive slump, the weight of offerings dislodged became greater. The market proved to be honey-combed with stop loss orders, which has been greatly increased as confidence in the stability of the market was impaired.

The amount of the decline was sufficient to wipe out some margins of the most substantial classes and in all classes of speculative holding to impair margin to such an extent as to lead to the very general call for additional collateral. The principal influence in trading was probably due to the Northern Securities situation and great skepticism which was aroused by a swarm of rumors centering about the dissolution of the company and the plans expected to grow out of it.

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GOULD ACQUITTED

Jury Finds Him Not Guilty of
Premeditated Murder.

WIFE'S AFFECTIONS ALIENATE

Defense is That He Killed Alonzo
Hammond in Self Defense and That
Hammond Had Made a Threat He
Would Kill Gould on Sight.

Chicago, April 19.—Convinced that George Gould acted in self-defense when he shot and killed Alonzo Hammond, a jury in Judge Huthill's court has returned a verdict of not guilty and Gould was given his freedom. Gould shot and killed Hammond, whom he accused of having alienated the affections of Mrs. Gould. He pleaded self-defense, however, and said that Hammond had tried to draw a revolver.

The defense showed that Hammond, who was a conductor on the Metropolitan Elevated railroad, had made the threat that he would kill Gould on sight. Gould boarded the elevated train, he said, to seek information from Hammond as to the whereabouts of Mrs. Gould and the shooting which followed was in the presence of numerous passengers.

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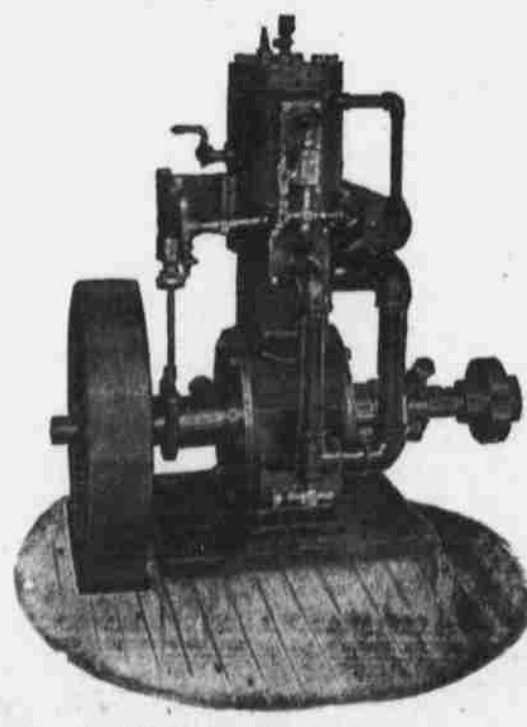
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